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REPORT RESOLUTION

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Classified By: Political Counselor F. Daniel Sainz for Reasons 1.4 (b)
and (d)

¶1. (C) Although MFA experts will review U.S. arguments in more detail, Poland will likely support the U.S. position if and when a resolution comes up for a vote. Josef Osas, Minister-Counselor in the MFA's Africa and Middle East Department, said Poland's assessment of a possible Arab Group resolution on the Goldstone Report was almost identical to reftel position.

¶2. (C) Osas added that the EU's Swedish Presidency was engaged in discussions with the Arab Group and others in an effort to draft a resolution more acceptable to the broader international community. Although Poland often joins the EU consensus at the UN, Osas said the Poles would insist that any resolution must be more balanced in its criticism of the parties involved. In particular, Poland would oppose any resolution calling for General Assembly "endorsement" of the Goldstone Report. In Poland's view, the Report, including any objections to its findings and conclusions, should remain within the UN Human Rights Council.

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